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CASE: OST-031162
SERIAL NO.: 10/690,231
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FOR: DEVICE FOR SUCKING OFF
SPECIFIED SURFACE AREAS
OF POWDER-COATED
VEHICLE WHEELS

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The removal process involves conducting local cleaning at a point at which hard processing residue is found. The same applies to the removal of solid, liquid or paste-form processing residue in the form of grinding or polishing dust. Joining processes are only done after the local removal of the surface coating or oxide layer.

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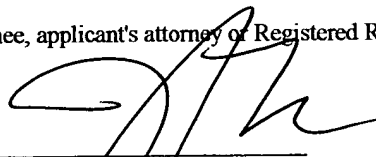
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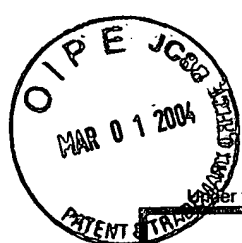
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